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SUBJ: GREEK REQUEST FOR DENIAL OF EXISTENCE OF "KISSINGER PLAN"

DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY AND OTHER POSTS IF DESIRED

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS
JOHN TZOUNIS CALLED DCM FEW MINUTES AGO TO DRAW OUR ATTENTION
TO FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER VIMA WHICH
QUOTES ARTICLE IN TURKISH NEWSPAPER HURRIYET REPORTING
ELEMENTS OF WHAT PURPORTS TO BE "KISSINGER PLAN" FOR
SOLUTION OF CYPRUS CRISIS IN CONTEXT OF GEOGRAPHICALLY
BASED FEDERATION. ACCODRING TO VIMA, TURKISH NEWSPAPER REPORTS
THAT KISSINGER HAD INTENDED TO DISCUSS WITH TURKISH GOVERN-
MENT IN ANKARA PLAN ALREADY APPROVED BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT
WHOSE MAIN ELEMENTS, ACCORDING TO VIMA, WERE THE FOLLOWING:
(1) PARTIAL REMOVAL OF TURKISH TROOPS FROM CYPRUS AND
LIMITED WITHDRAWAL OF OTHER TURKISH FORCES TO PREDETERMINED
POINTS IN NORTHERN CYPRUS; (2) GREEK REFUGEES TO RETURN
TO THEIR HOMES; (3) NICOSIA AIRPORT TO BE REOPENED UNDER
UNFICYP CONTROL; (4) FAMAGUSTA PORT ALSO TO BE REOPENED
UNDER UNFICYP CONTROL; (5) GUARANTEES OF INTERNATIONAL
INVESTMENT IN CYPRUS AND RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS OF FOREIGN
BUSINESS; (6) COMPLETION OF PRISONER EXCHANGES; AND (7)
TERMINATION OF SHIPMENT OF TROOPS OR MILITARY SUPPLIES TO
CYPRUS.

2. ACCORDING TO VIMA, STILL QUOTING HURRIYET, UNDER THE
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SO-CALLED PLAN TURKISH TROOPS WOULD MOVE BACK TO THE ATILLA

LINE FROM THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS SOUTH OF IT. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT ACCEPTANCE BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT OF THE "KISSINGER PLAN" WOULD HAVE ASSURED CONTINUATION OF AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AFTER DECEMBER 10.

3. TZOUNIS SAID THAT HE AND BITSIOS HAD JUST DISCUSSED THIS ARTICLE AND WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS THAT IT WOULD PRODUCE IN GREECE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE ELEMENTS OF THE SO-CALLED PLAN, AS REPORTED IN VIMA, AND PRESUMABLY HURRIYET, WERE "NOT BAD" BUT FEARED THAT GREEK OPPOSITION PARTIES WOULD ACCUSE CARAMANLIS OF REACHING SECRET AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ON A "PLAN" WHICH HAD NOT BEEN REVEALED TO GREEK PEOPLE.

4. SINCE BITSIOS ON BASIS OF HIS ROME MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY UNDERSTOOD THAT NO "KISSINGER PLAN" EXISTED, BITSIOS AND TZOUNIS BELIEVED THAT WE SHOULD PROMPTLY AND CATEGORICALLY DENY VIMA/HURRIYET REPORT. DCM TOLD TZOUNIS THAT WE WOULD REPORT GOG REQUEST IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON AND SEEK AUTHORITY TO DENY EXISTENCE OF "KISSINGER PLAN" AS ALLEGED IN VIMA/HURRIYET.

5. COMMENT. REQUEST AUTHORITY SOONEST TO ISSUE DENIAL AS REQUESTED BY GOG. TZOUNIS REQUESTED DCM TO CALL HIM WITH U.S. REACTION TO GOG REQUEST NO LATER THAN THIS AFTERNOON. WE BELIEVE THAT BRIEF DENIAL ISSUED BY EMBASSY WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND WOULD PRECLUDE LESS HELPFUL STATEMENTS THAT OTHERWISE MIGHT BE MADE BY GOG.

6. WE SUGGEST DENIAL BE PHRASED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
QTE THE U.S. EMBASSY TODAY DENIED REPORTS IN TURKISH AND GREEK NEWSPAPERS THAT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER INTENDED TO PRESENT INNER QTE PLAN END INNER QTE TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S PURPOSE IN VISITING ANKARA WAS TO EXPLORE WAYS TO FACILITATE SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM ON TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE. NO REPEAT NO AMERICAN PLAN EXISTS. END QTE.

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